

Third report of the Seychelles Bird Records Committee

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Troisième rapport du Comité d'Homologation Seychellois. Le troisième rapport quinquennal du Comité d'Homologation Seychellois, créé en 1992, est présenté ici. Il comprend les données acceptées d'espèces occasionnelles (espèces enregistrées moins d'une fois par an) au 31 décembre 2005. Les changements intervenus depuis 2000 dans le statut des espèces sur la liste seychelloise sont mentionnés. Deux espèces, précédemment considérées comme occasionnelles, ont été reclassées comme annuelles et une autre est maintenant considérée comme annuelle dans les îles du groupe d'Aldabra. Seize espèces occasionnelles ont été ajoutées à la liste des Seychelles depuis la publication du rapport précédent (voir *Bull. ABC* 8: 23–29, 2001). Avec ces changements, le nombre des espèces enregistrées aux Seychelles est passé à 239, dont 65 espèces nicheuses, 27 migrateurs annuels, sept espèces éteintes et 140 occasionnels. Toute espèce non annuelle est citée, avec le nombre de mentions homologuées ainsi que l'île sur laquelle l'observation a été faite et le (ou les) mois. Vingt-deux groupes de données indéterminées dignes d'intérêt sont présentés. Deux sous-espèces occasionnelles sont également reprises. Des détails supplémentaires sont fournis pour les espèces enregistrées pour la première fois depuis la publication du rapport précédent.

Summary. Seychelles Bird Records Committee, formed in 1992, publishes reports at intervals of five years. This report summarises all accepted records of vagrants (species recorded less than annually) to 31 December 2005. Changes in status of species on the Seychelles list since 2000 are noted. Two species previously classed as vagrants have been reclassified as annual and one other is now considered as annual in the Aldabra group. Sixteen vagrant species have been added to the Seychelles list since publication of the previous report. Including these changes the number of species recorded in Seychelles at 31 December 2005 is 239. All species of less than annual occurrence are listed giving the number of accepted records plus islands and months recorded. Twenty-two groups of indeterminate records worthy of note are given. Two vagrant subspecies are also listed. Full details of species recorded for the first time since publication of the previous report are given.

Seychelles Bird Records Committee (SBRC) was formed in 1992. The committee decided to publish its reports in an international journal at intervals of five years, with the first report in 1996 (Skerrett & Seychelles Bird Records Committee 1996) and the second in 2001 (Skerrett & Seychelles Bird Records Committee 2001). The current committee members are Michael Betts, Ian Bullock, David Fisher, Ron Gerlach, Rob Lucking, John Phillips, Bob Scott and Adrian Skerrett, with consultants Phil Chantler (swifts), Dick Forsman (raptors), John Marchant (waders), Tony Palliser (seabirds) and Robert Prÿs-Jones (museums).

A summary of notable sightings received by SBRC is published every six months in the Recent Reports section of *Bull. ABC* whilst accepted records are listed in *Birdwatch* magazine (the quarterly journal of the Nature Protection Trust of

Seychelles). This third report includes all records of vagrants (species of less than annual occurrence) accepted up to 31 December 2005.

The status of some species has been reviewed since the second SBRC report as follows: (1) Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* and Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*, previously treated as vagrants, are now considered annual migrants throughout Seychelles. SBRC continues to collect reports of sightings, but does not ordinarily request supporting documentation. (2) Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*, previously classified as a vagrant, is considered annual in the Aldabra group. It is still considered a vagrant east of the Aldabra group. (3) Sixteen species have been added to the Seychelles list, namely: Kermadec Petrel *Pterodroma neglecta*, Matsudaira's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma matsudairae*, Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*, Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*,

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*, Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug*, Little Crane *Porzana parva*, Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedipnemus*, Madagascar Pratincole *Glareola ocularis*, Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius*, Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*, White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa*, Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*, Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*, Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* and Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*. (4) The number of species recorded in Seychelles in the second report was given as 224, if Abbott's Sunbird *Nectarinia (sovimanga) abbotti* was regarded as a species, something that was in doubt at the time. Subsequent examination of mitochondrial DNA does not support this (Warren *et al.* 2003). Therefore, treating Abbott's Sunbird as only a race of Souimanga Sunbird, and adding new records, the number of species recorded in Seychelles as of 31 December 2005 is 239. This comprises 65 breeding species, 27 annual migrants, seven extinct species and 140 vagrants.

The following list details accepted records for all 140 vagrants, plus Broad-billed Roller records east of the Aldabra group and two vagrant subspecies. Twenty-two groups of noteworthy records where the species involved was undetermined are also listed. Records of breeding species outside their normal range are listed for the first time (nine records). For each species, number of accepted records, island or atoll (in chronological order of accepted records) and month(s) of occurrence are given. Details are given for records of the 16 new species recorded since the second report of SBRC.

Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

One record: Récifs, Mahé; July–October.

Pintado Petrel *Daption capense*

One record: between Cosmoledo and Assomption; September.

Kermadec Petrel *Pterodroma neglecta*

One record: one intermediate phase, Cousin, 29 August 2003, and one, presumably same individual, 29 June 2004 (Eikenaar & Skerrett 2006).

Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax*

Ten records: near Aldabra (4), near Farquhar (2), near Alphonse, near Desnoeuvs, near Bird (2); February–April, July, October–December.

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*

One 'out-of-range' record (south and west of the Amirantes): Aldabra; February.

Flesh-footed Shearwater *Puffinus carneipes*

Four records: between Frégate and Récifs, near Farquhar, between Astove and Desroches, near Desroches; May, October, December.

Wilson's Storm-petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*

Four records: near Bird, near Farquhar, near Desnoeuvs, near St François; April, October, November.

White-faced Storm-petrel *Pelagodroma marina*

Three records: south-east of Boudeuse, west-northwest of Desroches, north of Rémire; May.

Swinhoe's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma monorhis*

Three records: Praslin, between Aldabra and Assomption (2); October, December.

Matsudaira's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma matsudairae*

One record: two at sea between Providence and Alphonse, 20–21 August 2000.

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

Two records: between Mahé and South-east Island, Platte; December.

Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus*

Five records: Bird (2), Aride (2), Mahé; all months.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

One record: off Cousin; January.

Long-tailed Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus*

Two records: Aldabra, Hodoul Island/Mahé; January–November.

Great (Eurasian) Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

Four records: Aride, Praslin, Mahé, Cousine; October–November.

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Two records: Frégate, Aride; October, January.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

Two records: one at the Inter-Island Quay, Mahé, 21 September 2002; one at the airstrip and edge of hotel area, Bird, 10–13 October 2002 (Tiatousse *et al.* 2005).

Madagascar Pond Heron *Ardeola idae*

Two 'out-of-range' records (all islands excluding Aldabra): Aride, North; August, November.

Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*

Four records: Bird, Mahé, Frégate, Denis; September–February.

Ardeola sp.

Seven indeterminate records: Cousin, Bird (2), Mahé (2), Frégate, Denis; March, October–January.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Nineteen records: Mahé (14), Frégate, La Digue, Silhouette (3); October–June.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*

Two records: Mahé, Platte; March–October.

Great Egret *Egretta alba*

Nine records: Mahé (3), Aldabra (3), Praslin, D'Arros, Desroches; February, May, July–December.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Thirty-two records: Curieuse, Bird (4), Mahé (11), Praslin (2), La Digue (4), Aride (2), Frégate (2), Silhouette (3), Platte, Alphonse (2); April–May, July–February.

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

Five records: Mahé (2), Bird, Denis, D'Arros; December–February, April.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

Three records: up to 12 at the airstrip, Denis Island, 22 February 2003; up to six at La Passe, La Digue, mid-January to 27 March 2003; one at Beau Vallon, Mahé, 3–6 December 2003 (Hoareau & Skerrett 2005).

Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

One record: Aldabra; February.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

Three 'out-of-range' records (excluding Aldabra): Mahé, Farquhar, Frégate; January–May, October, December.

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*

Four records: Aldabra (3), Assomption; April, June, September.

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

One record: Mahé; December.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

One record: Silhouette; December–January.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

Seven records: Mahé (2), Cousin, Aride, Praslin (2), Silhouette; November–February.

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

Eight records: Assomption, Mahé (3), Frégate, Bird, Praslin, Aride; October–March.

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*

Three records: Mahé; April, May, December.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Two records: Praslin, Denis; July–February.

European (Western) Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*

Three records: Félicité, Praslin, D'Arros; September–October, March–May.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Two records: Silhouette, Cousin; December.

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus [migrans] aegyptius*

Six records: Aldabra (6); October–February, August.

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*

One record: immature male, Platte, January–March 2002 (Skerrett & Roest 2003).

Montagu's/Pallid Harrier *C. pygargus/macrourus*

One indeterminate record: Aldabra; March.

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Two records: Frégate, Mahé; January–February.

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus*

One record: Mahé; November.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

Three records: Praslin, Bird, Mahé; April–May, October–December.

Lesser Kestrel/Common Kestrel

F. naumanni/tinnunculus

One indeterminate record: Praslin; November.

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*

Four records: Bird, Aride (3); November–December.

Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*

Twenty-two records: Desroches (2), Cousine, Frégate (3), Mahé, Aride (2), Alphonse (6), Platte, La Digue, Praslin, Bird (3), Silhouette; July–March.

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae*

Twenty-four records: Cousin, Aldabra (9), Aride (5), Frégate (3), Assomption, Silhouette (2), Platte, Alphonse, Bird; October–February.

Sooty Falcon *Falco concolor*

Five records: Aldabra, Frégate, Aride (3); November–December.

Eleonora's/Sooty Falcon *F. eleonorae/concolor*

One indeterminate record: Aldabra; April.

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

Seventeen records: Cousine, Mahé (3), Cousin (2), Aride (4), Frégate, Denis, Silhouette (2), Alphonse (2), Bird; October–January.

Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug*

One record: immature, Aride, 24–25 December 2000.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

One record: Cousin; November.

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*

Three records: Mahé, Aride, Bird; May, November, December.

Corncrake *Crex crex*

Three records: Bird, Aride, Frégate; January, October, November.

Little Crake *Porzana parva*

One record: one at Cousin, 25–27 December 2004.

Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana*

One record: Mahé; December–February.

Striped Crake *Aenigmatolimnas marginalis*

One record: Aldabra; December.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis*

phoenicurus

One record: Mahé; December.

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*

Six records: Aldabra (2), Mahé, La Digue, Desroches, Praslin; July, December–March.

Gallinule sp.

One indeterminate record, possibly Lesser Moorhen *Gallinula angulata* or American Purple Gallinule *Porphyryula martinica*: Aldabra; July.

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Six records: Aldabra, Mahé (4), Aride; October–August.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Four records: Mahé, Praslin, Bird, Alphonse; September–May.

Stone-curlew *Burhinus oediconemus*

One record: one at the tern colony and adjacent beach, Bird Island, 24 October 2004–9 February 2005.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

Four records: Praslin (2), Frégate, Mahé; January; October–November.

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

Nine records: Mahé (4), Praslin (2), La Digue, Alphonse (2); March–April, September–December.

Collared/Oriental Pratincole

G. pratincola/maldivarum

Three indeterminate records: Praslin (2), Bird; October.

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*

Four records: Bird, Frégate, Alphonse, Mahé; April, October–December.

Black-winged/Oriental Pratincole

G. nordmanni/maldivarum

One indeterminate record: Bird; October.

Pratincole sp. *Glareola* sp.

Thirteen indeterminate records: Bird (4), Praslin (4), Frégate, Mahé (2), Alphonse, Denis; September–November.

Madagascar Pratincole *Glareola ocularis*

Three records: adult at Grand Terre, Aldabra, 6–7 November 2001; immature at the Inter-Island Quay, Mahé, 21–25 October 2002; immature at Lemuria Golf Course, Praslin, 25–27 October 2002.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Nine records: Mahé (4), Cousin, Bird (2), Frégate, Aride; January–April, September–November

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus*

Fifteen records: Bird (5), Frégate (2), Praslin (4), Farquhar, Silhouette, Mahé (2); March–April, June, August–December.

Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus*

Four records: Praslin (2), Frégate, Alphonse; January, October–November.

Caspian/Oriental Plover *C. asiaticus/veredus*

Three indeterminate records: Bird (2), Mahé; September–October.

Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius*

One record: first-winter at the airstrip, Alphonse, about 12 November 2001–about March 2002 (Skerrett 2003).

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

Two records: Mahé; March–April.

Great/Red Knot *C. tenuirostris/canutus*

Two indeterminate records: Mahé; January–July.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

Five records: Bird, Mahé (3), Praslin; September–October, December.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*

One record: Mahé; November.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Three records: Bird, Praslin, Mahé; August, October.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*

Three records: Mahé; July, September–February.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*

Four records: Praslin (3), Mahé; October.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis*

Five records: Bird (2), Platte, Praslin, Mahé; March, November–January.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

Twenty-five records: Bird (3), Mahé (12), Cousin (2), Frégate (4), Praslin, Alphonse, Aride, Cousine; August–February.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Eleven records: Aride, Frégate (5), Mahé (3), Praslin, La Digue; October–February.

Great Snipe *Gallinago media*

Two records: Praslin, Frégate; October–December.

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*

Three records: Aldabra, Mahé (2); March–April, November.

Snipe sp. *Gallinago* sp.

Eight indeterminate records: Mahé, Bird (3), Praslin, Frégate (2), Aride; September–January, March.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica baueri*

One subspecies record (*L. l. lapponica* is an annual migrant): Frégate, March–October.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

Six records: Bird (3), Alphonse (2), Aride; October–December.

Little Curlew *Numenius minutus*

Two records: Bird, Mahé; October–April.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

One record: one at Providence, Mahé, 17 December 2000 (Skerrett 2003).

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

Three records: Mahé (3); November–March.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

Nine records: Mahé (8), Cerf; January–February, May, October–November.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Seven records: Silhouette, Praslin (2), Mahé (3), Frégate; October–January.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

Two records: Mahé, Bird; all months.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

Two records: Denis, Mahé; November.

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Three records: Frégate, Bird, Aride; December–February.

Pomarine/Arctic Skua *S. pomarinus/parasiticus*

Two indeterminate records: Aride, north-east of Bird; January, November.

South Polar Skua *Catharacta maccormicki*

Four records: Aride (4); July.

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*

Fourteen records: Mahé (9), Praslin (5); December–February.

Black-/Grey-/Brown-headed Gull

L. ridibundus/cirrocephalus/brunnicephalus

Five indeterminate records: Frégate, Desroches, Aldabra, Mahé (2); October, December–February.

- Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*
Three records: Aride, Mahé, Aldabra;
October–November.
- Heuglin's Gull** *Larus heuglini*
Two records: Mahé, Bird; February, December.
- Lesser Black-backed/Heuglin's Gull**
L. fuscus/heuglini
Two indeterminate records: Mahé, Bird; January, February.
- Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia*
One 'out-of-range' record (outside Aldabra group): between Aride and Bird; November.
- Greater Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii velox*
One vagrant subspecies record (*S. b. thalassinus* breeds): Bird; September–October.
- Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandwicensis*
Four records: Cousin, Mahé (3); March, October, December.
- Black-naped Tern** *Sterna sumatrana*
Four 'out-of-range' records (east of the Amirantes): Bird, Aride (2), Cousin; June, October, December–January.
- Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii*
One 'out-of-range' record (west of the Amirantes): Cosmoledo; June.
- White-cheeked Tern** *Sterna repressa*
Two records: adult at Aldabra, 12 December 1976; adult at Providence, Mahé, 20 November 2004.
- Bridled Tern** *Sterna anaethetus*
One 'out-of-range' record (west of the Amirantes): Aldabra; June.
- Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons*
One record: Mahé; April.
- Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*
Four records: Praslin, Mahé (2), La Digue; October, March–April.
- European Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia turtur*
Six records: Aldabra (2), Bird (2), Aride (2); November–December.
- European/Oriental Turtle Dove**
S. turtur/orientalis
One indeterminate record: Frégate; October.
- Madagascar Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia picturata picturata*
One 'out-of-range' record (islands with no breeding population): Platte; March–July.
- Jacobin Cuckoo** *Clamator jacobinus*
Five records: Bird, Frégate (2), Praslin, Aride; March, November–January.
- Great Spotted Cuckoo** *Clamator glandarius*
One record: Bird; October.
- Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*
Twenty-one records: Mahé (9), Aride (3), Cousine, Aldabra, Bird (2), Silhouette (2), Frégate (2), Denis; September–January, April.
- Asian Lesser Cuckoo** *Cuculus poliocephalus*
Eleven records: Mahé (4), Frégate (2), Cousine, Aride (2), Praslin, Alphonse; November–February, April.
- Asian/Madagascar Lesser Cuckoo**
C. poliocephalus/rochii
Two indeterminate records: Aldabra, Mahé; October–November.
- Cuckoo sp.** *Cuculus* sp.
Twenty-eight indeterminate records: Aldabra (2), Mahé (8), Bird (2), Cousin (5), La Digue (2), Frégate (6), Silhouette, Félicité, Denis; September–January, April–June.
- Eurasian Scops Owl** *Otus scops*
Six records: Frégate, Aride (2), Mahé, Bird, Conception; October–December.
- Brown Fish Owl** *Ketupa zeylonensis*
One record: Mahé; November. Possibly ship-assisted and/or deliberately released.
- Eurasian Nightjar** *Caprimulgus europaeus*
Two records: Bird, Denis; November–December.
- Nightjar sp.** *Caprimulgus* sp.
One indeterminate record: Bird; November.
- White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus*
Four records: Aldabra, Mahé, Bird, Frégate; April, October–November.
- Common Swift** *Apus apus*
Fourteen records: Aldabra (3), Bird (5), Assumption (2), Frégate (3), St François; September–May.

Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus*

Ten records: Bird (5), Frégate (3), North, St François; May, October–January.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Three records: Mahé, Aride, Aldabra; November–January.

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*

One record: adult, Denis Island, 30 December 2003–16 February 2004.

Alcedo sp.

One indeterminate record, probably Common Kingfisher *A. atthis*: Frégate; December–January.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*

Thirty-two records: Aldabra (2), Bird (8), Mahé (2), Frégate (2), Cousin, Desnoeuufs, Marie Louise, Platte, Denis (2), Alphonse, Aride, Conception, Cousin, Curieuse, Desroches, North, Praslin (2), Rémire, Silhouette, South-east Island; November–May.

Blue-cheeked/Madagascar Bee-eater

M. persicus/supercilius

Two indeterminate records: Cosmoledo, Mahé; October–November.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

Two records: Cosmoledo, Aldabra; November–December.

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

Thirty records: Aride (2), Aldabra (5), Praslin (6), Mahé (9), African Banks, Bird (3), Frégate, Denis, Silhouette (2); October–March.

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*

Nine records outside Aldabra group: Providence, Bird (4), Frégate (2), Alphonse, Platte; October–March.

Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Three records: Aldabra (one *U. e. africana* and one *U. e. epops/senegalensis*) and Curieuse (one *U. e. africana*).

Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*

One record: one at the tern colony, Bird Island, 22–27 November 2003 (Phillips & Phillips 2005).

Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella*

brachydactyla

Two records: Frégate; February, November–December.

Mascarene Martin *Phedina borbonica*

Six records: Aldabra (3), Desnoeuufs, Bird, Assomption; May, October–November.

Common Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Fifteen records: Aldabra (3), Mahé (3), Frégate (4), Bird (2), Aride (2), Platte; October–March, May–June.

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

Six records: Aldabra (2), Farquhar, Bird (3); March, June, October.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

Twenty-one records: Aldabra (7), Mahé (3), Bird (4), Frégate, Alphonse (2), Platte (2), Silhouette, Cousine; October–May.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

One record: Frégate; April.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Six records: Bird, Marie-Louise, Frégate, Silhouette, Mahé (2); March, October–November.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Twenty-one records: Aldabra (2), Mahé (6), Bird (4), Frégate (3), Aride (3), Silhouette (2), Platte; November–March.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

Fourteen records: Mahé, Frégate (7), Bird (2), Praslin (3), Alphonse; October–March.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Seven records: Cousin, Aride (3), Bird, Platte, Denis; October–February.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

Two records: Bird; November.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Forty-one records: Aldabra (28), Bird (8), Mahé, Frégate, Aride, Platte, Denis; October–March.

Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*

One record: first-winter male west of the hotel, Bird, 16–20 November 2000.

Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*
Three records: Praslin, Alphonse, Bird;
October–January.

Common Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*
Three records: Farquhar, Frégate, Bird; October.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
One record: Cousin; November.

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*
One record: Aride; November.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*
Three records: Frégate, La Digue, Aldabra;
February–March, November.

Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*
One record: one at Alphonse, 27 January 2001
(Skerrett 2003).

Willow Warbler/Chiffchaff *P. trochilus/collybita*
Two indeterminate records: Aldabra, Astove;
April.

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
Two records: Aldabra, Cousin; November–
December.

***Phylloscopus* sp.**
One indeterminate record: Bird; December.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*
One record: Curieuse; November.

Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*
Two records: Aldabra, Bird; March, October.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*
Twenty-seven records: Aldabra (20), Cousin, Bird
(3), Aride (2), D'Arros; March, October–
December.

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*
Two records: Aldabra, Bird; March, November.

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*
Six records: Cosmoledo, Aldabra (4), Bird; March,
November.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*
One record: Aride; April.

European Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*
Eight records: Aldabra (4), Bird (3), Aride;
March–April, September–November.

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*
Three records: Bird, Aldabra (2); July–February.

Rose-coloured Starling *Sturnus roseus*
Four records: Bird, Frégate (3); October–April.

Seychelles Fody *Foudia sechellarum*
One 'out-of-range' record (islands without breed-
ing populations): Bird; October.

Scarlet Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrurus*
One record: Aride; October.

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*
One record: Aride; November.

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